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LAFAYETTE CEMETERY DEDICATION

On Sunday, November 11 at 1 PM a bronze plaque will be placed at the entry to the Lafayette Cemetery on Mt. Diablo Blvd. commemorating the 125th year of the cemetery where many early Lafayette pioneers have been buried. This is another of the efforts of your Society in recognizing and identifying historical places and events within our city.

Everyone is invited -- We expect County officials, Directors of the Lafayette Alamo Cemetery District, local Veterans groups and City officials.

FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, November 28 at 8 PM in the Lafayette School auditorium on School Street. The program will be "100 Years of PG&E History." John Duffy, from PG&E's Concord office is preparing a program on the historical background of Pacific Gas & Electric Company. There will no doubt be some projections on how we all can help in energy conservation through the future of PG&E. Coffee and cookies will follow.

VACANCIES ON THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD AND COMMITTEES

Due to unexpected changes in plans and activities of some of our Board members and Committee chairpersons, we have need for volunteer help. Anyone wishing to help and become active is more then welcome. Please contact President George Wasson at 284-4603.

We are sorry to lose the services of Ellie Fisher as Recording Secretary. Ellie has been advised to reduce some of her outside activities while she continues with others. She will be around, but we need someone to take over as Recording Secretary and Director.

Our candidate for Editor of this Newsletter has been unable to assume the job because of other activities. We need an Editor -- anyone want the job? We need an Exhibits Committee chairperson. Joan Merryman has done these exhibits at the Lafayette Federal Savings and Library for many years and wants a rest. If you want any of these jobs -- or if you're asked to do them, please accept and help your Society.

LAFAYETTE POST OFFICE FIRST DAY OF OPERATION ENVELOPE

The envelopes showing Lafayette's First Post Office in 1863 and the new 1979 Post Office stamped with a Pennsylvania Toleware commemorative stamp and cancelled June 25, 1979 are still available. Only 1000 hand cancelled envelopes were produced -- almost half have been sold. They are available at the Needlepoint Shop on Hough Avenue or from the Society. Price - $1.00 each or three for $2.50. Please add 15¢ for return postage or buy them at the November 28th General Membership Meeting.

HISTORY OF CONTRA COSTA

Valley Publishers of Fresno is producing a new edition of the 1952 "History of Contra Costa County." Our Society can benefit from sales to our members -- the publisher will pay us 30% of the retail price. A pre-publication price of $30 will be honored on sales prior to December 30, 1979 (plus sales tax), thereafter the price will be $32.50. A brochure will follow with details, but your selection of this as a gift to someone can help our treasury.

GOOD NEWS

Fern Powell Davis has shown a remarkable recovery and is back home in Rossmoor. All your good thoughts helped in her recovery.

FIRE ENGINE NOTES

"Old Betsy" lead part of the Lafayette Parade on October 6 when the modern fire engine was called out to duty. She was also a big hit at the Burton Valley School Country Fair on October 13. More than 200 children had a ride around the school yard and raised money for the school activities.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOTE PAPER

These and other Society items will be on sale outside Safeway on December 1st. A good place to get those "stocking stuffers" for the gift giving season.

ORAL HISTORY

Several new interviews with long-time Lafayette residents have been completed. These voice recorded histories are then transcribed and written versions can be read at the Lafayette Library.

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